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In re New Patent Application of)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 6, and 8 as follows: Please note that the claims are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

5. (Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein if the disk type cannot be know, the user is requested to input data in the input item order corresponding to the hierarchical structure of a disk having the maximum number of levels of the hierarchical structure.

6. (Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to any one of claims 3 or 5, wherein the hierarchical structure of each disk is detected from management information which is first read from the disk, and the read hierarchical structure is stored.